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Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" May I know, whether any representations were received by the Hon. the Minister protesting against the abolition of teaching motor-driving in these schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It was abolished some years ago. At that time probably some representations were received, but not recently."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA :—" Will the Hon. Minister kindly examine the question again? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am afraid it is too late now."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister make enquiries whether there are private institutions at Bellary where motor-driving is taught? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Even if enquiry is made, it is not possible to reopen the question."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that persons can get at least some job after such training and thus earn for themselves? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It may be so. When there are other means of learning, I do not see why public money should be spent."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Irrigation.

Excavation of a drainage channel in Vishnuvakkam cheri.

843 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the promise made in answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 660, dated 13th March 1933, to raise the level of the cheri site to the north and east of Survey No. 177 and excavate a drainage channel in Vishnuvakkam cheri has been carried out; if not, when the same will be executed?

A.—After the extension of the Karikalavakkam tank-bund, the Vishnuvakkam cheri is free from danger. Of the two S. Nos. 177 and 178 cheri site poramboke S. No. 178 has been transferred to grazing ground poramboke and there is a proposal to transfer S. No. 177 to assessed waste and assign it on patta. A new cheri is being formed very near the existing cheri which will be free from any danger of water. The Collector has also reported that he has seen the cheri and that it is now protected by the extension of the tank-bund. In these circumstances it is considered that nothing need be done to the existing cheri either to raise its level or to form a channel as formerly proposed.

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Medical Administration.

Employment of Sisters belonging to Religious Orders as nurses in the hospitals.

844 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. KOLANDA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Sisters of Religious communities employed as nurses in the various Government hospitals in this Presidency;

(*b*) the different nationalities they belong to;

(*c*) how many of them are permanent and how many temporary;

(*d*) how many of them were entertained before 1929 and how many after 1929;

(*e*) how many of those entertained after 1929 are permanent and how many still temporary;

(*f*) what advantages have been derived by employing Religious Sisters in preference to nurses, both Indian and Anglo-Indian, trained in the Madras Government hospitals; if none, why have the former been entertained;

(*g*) whether the Madras trained nurses were tried and found wanting in all hospitals were Religious Sisters are now working;

(*h*) whether, wherever there were vacancies for nurses in Government hospitals, the vacancies were advertised and applications called for from qualified Madras trained nurses before appointing Sisters; if not, why not;

(*i*) (i) how many of them have resigned service, ever since the scheme of entertaining Religious Sisters was inaugurated;

(ii) from which hospitals; and

(iii) for what reasons;

(*j*) whether it is a fact that in some Government hospitals the expenditure has increased after the Madras trained nurses were replaced by Religious Sisters;

(*k*) why are sisters who do not belong to British Nationality being entertained after 1929 in spite of G.O. No. 712, Public, dated 2nd July 1929; and

(*l*) whether the sanction of the Local Government was obtained before appointing them in each case; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) 38.

(*b*)

British	1
Irish	1
Anglo-Indian	3
German	2

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French	15
Italian	1
Belgian	3
Portuguese	4
Swiss	6
Swedish	1
Dutch	1

(*c*) Permanent 29.

Temporary 9.

(*d*) Number employed before the 2nd July 1929 ... 22

Number employed after 2nd July 1929 ... 16

(*e*) Seven sisters are permanent and the remaining nine are temporary.

(*f*) The religious sisters came to be employed under an arrangement with their respective missions at a time when a sufficient number of nurses trained in Government Hospitals were not available.

(*g*) Madras trained nurses became available in sufficient numbers only recently.

(*h*) Nurses are available for appointment immediately after the examination which are held half-yearly; nurses whose services are required are appointed to vacancies which exist. There was thus no necessity to advertise the vacancies.

(*i*) (1), (2) and (3) A list [a] of religious sisters who resigned their appointments with the reasons therefor is attached.

(*j*) The expenditure on account of the employment of nurses whether religious or secular is the same.

(*k*) & (*l*) Orders in G.O. No. 712, Public, dated 2nd July 1929, are applicable to the members of the nursing staff only after 20th August 1930, the date on which the Madras Medical Subordinate Service Rules (General Branch) were issued. The question whether the sisters employed after this date should be retained in service or not is under the consideration of the Government.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that the Periyar Irrigation Tanks (Preservation) Act, 1934, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 15th March 1934."

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 754–755 infra.